

Nome, Alaska, Apr. 17, 1912

Miss Marina Huntress,

Dilling, Alaska.

My dear Miss Huntress:

The case of Mr. Anderson came before Judge  
 Lynn some days ago. Mr. Gilmore was the lawyer. The papers signed  
 by the parties were read in testimony against the motion, also  
 an affidavit by Mr. Hunter, and a couple of affidavits by the witness  
 attorney. Mr. Gilmore protested against my appearing as a witness  
 on the grounds that I was not at Dilling when the trouble  
 occurred. However, the judge had no objection. I told him I knew  
 about conditions at Dilling, received my own certificate for the  
 police, and would, as a witness, be believed by the jury and  
 would not appear in the motion. It was conducted by Attorney  
 Gilmore in open court. Mr. Hunter asked me a couple of  
 questions, but I said I was not going to answer them. He then  
 asked me to show the court that the papers were  
 made by the witness and on the motion. I said that I  
 would not answer any question if answered by such  
 a character as myself. Mr. Gilmore then asked  
 me the same and admitted that I had been drunk and  
 claimed that I had not been drunk. He then asked me  
 if I had been drunk on the night of the trouble.

he was not. He had several men testify as to his good character. COPY  
and one of his witnesses were present during the trouble  
and he admitted knowing that the natives get drunk. His  
witnesses did not help him. Judge Campbell surprised me by  
his testimony, as he was extremely careful. Judge Lyons said  
he did not like to settle the case without the presence of the  
natives so that out of fairness to Emerson they might be cross  
examined by his attorney. But he said that from what he had heard  
he could not believe that Emerson was a proper man to run a saloon  
he gave the best exposition of the liquor law in Alaska I have ever  
heard and in every way did just what he wished, except that he  
postponed the trial hearing until Oct. 7 when Judge Marano is to  
be here. I can assure you that Emerson has no reason for holding  
his head high by any means. I have no doubt that he is running the  
saloon, but he is not licensed and will not be until he comes  
up before Judge Lyons in October. The Judge gave him such a  
good talking to that the natives feel very enthusiastic over his  
trip here.

As you know I never held out any positive hope that the  
saloon would be closed. We have saloons in Alaska, but I was sure  
that if this license was renewed he would be given such a severe  
reprimand that he would allow no more trouble for natives. Judge  
Marano expressed himself very strongly against the Pacific saloon,  
and he may refuse to give him a license. Judge Lyons wanted the  
natives to be taken down here, but I have talked with the  
District Attorney and we do not think it worth while to keep them  
in such a court. I can assure you that Emerson will be paid

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good shaking up - and his troubles are not over yet. **COPY**

I do not know what the Auckland situation is. The wires have been down so long that we have been unable to get any news from Mr. Lopp. Mr. Evans has left for St. Michael. I hope we will hear something later.

Very truly yours,

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